

# PRESIDENT'S PRAYER PARTNER TEAM

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Thank you for committing to pray for my family and me over the past three months. I am grateful for your prayer partnership as I give servant-leadership to our Fellowship. If you would like to receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis, please email [rheaton@fellowship.ca](mailto:rheaton@fellowship.ca) and request it.



Visited Bluewater Baptist for Pastor Doug Blair's Retirement Party after 39 years of service.

The Summer months seemed to fly by so quickly. I trust you had a chance for some rest and relaxation. Marilyn and I enjoyed some vacation time with several visits to friends, visiting our daughters out west, a couple speaking engagements and lots of quiet time at home reading and water colour painting. A good time to rest. Thank you for praying for us.



Visiting Pastor Harry of Madoc Baptist on week one (of 2) of their Church "Quick Build"



Speaking at Pleasant Bay Camp ... this is the life!

September is the start of a busy season here at our National Ministry Centre as we prepare for our annual National Conference, among other things. I enjoyed meeting with some pastors and churches on a recent Western tour in Saskatchewan and Alberta ... ending up preaching at our NorthLife Church in Fort McMurray, just 16 months after the fire that devastated their city. Our churches across Canada raised close to \$240,000 to enable our church to be a blessing to Fort McMurray. I heard many stories of care and compassion extended to folks in the Name of Christ.



Preaching at Parkdale in Belleville, ON

Our "Sow the Seed" appeal (May-August) raised over \$50,000 (Goal was \$60,000) toward Bible translation and distribution to Francophones in Haiti and D.R. Congo and Muslims in Pakistan and Ottawa. Thank you for giving!!!



Fort McMurray from air ... see fire devastation



One of my recent watercolours, "Milky Way"



National Staff out for fun and food together

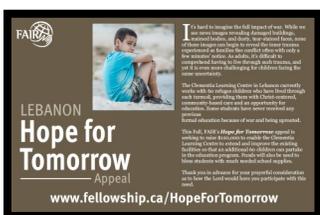


Speaking at "Lightway Church's" 10th Anniversary in Hamilton, ON



Preaching at NorthLife in Fort McMurray, AB

## CURRENT NEWS



- "Hope for Tomorrow" FAIR appeal (Sept-Dec 2017) is seeking to double the capacity of the "Clementia Learning Centre" (CLC) in Beirut, Lebanon. A school in a Baptist church that is educating some of the estimated 600,000 Syrian refugee children living in Lebanon. This ministry is associated with Fellowship International Missionaries, Bechara & Roula Karkafi. We hope to double the refugee students from 60 to 120 through a \$120,000 capital project. Please go to [www.fellowship.ca/HopeForTomorrow](http://www.fellowship.ca/HopeForTomorrow) to read more and watch the brief video. Please consider donating a generous gift.

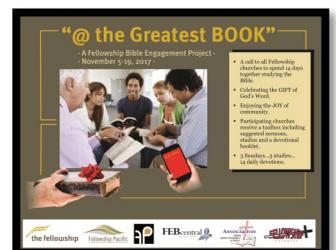


Teachers & Leaders of CLC School in Beirut

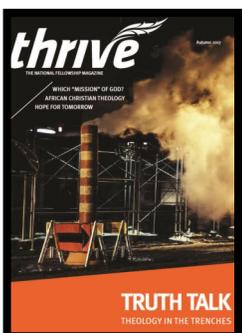


Syrian refugee school children at CLC

- "The Greatest Book" is a three week Bible Engagement Project (Nov. 5-19, 2017) for all Fellowship Churches and people. Go to [www.fellowship/greatestbook.ca](http://www.fellowship/greatestbook.ca) for a devotional book, teaching lessons and video for more details.



- Our latest issue of *Thrive* (Fall 2017) is out and its theme – "Truth Talk: Theology in the Trenches", touches on issues our churches and missions are facing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Missionary support: God has blessed us with many new long-term missionaries this past year. The task of building partnership teams with new missionary couples is huge! Please pray with me as my staff and I request our churches and generous donors to prayerfully consider support of these choice missionary personnel.



*Roula & Bechara Karkafi  
to Lebanon*



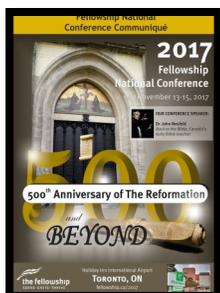
*Jamila & Nadeem Qazi  
to Pakistan*



*Robbie & Gemelle Carlson  
to Japan*



*Eric & Valerie Nielsen  
to Quebec*



- I am currently working with a Task Force of leaders to prepare a draft “Marriage and Human Sexuality” policy to give direction to our churches and pastors. We’re likely another year before finalizing this policy that addresses some very current realities. Please pray.
- Membership-Baptism Issue: I have been busy working on this issue as we prepare to vote at our upcoming FNC 2017 in Toronto (Nov. 13-15). Please pray for a gracious discussion as our delegates vote on this important issue.

**Prayer for the next few months**



*Heritage College & Seminary, ON*

- Pray for many Fellowship Baptist Churches continuing the search for Lead Pastors. For example: over 20 of our 82 Quebec (French) churches need pastors.
- Pray for our three Seminaries: NorthWest (BC), Heritage (ON) and Sembeq (QC). I recently spoke to two of our Seminary Presidents and received word of significant student body increases this Fall.
- Pray for our churches as leaders prepare to communicate our current Membership-Baptism issue with their congregations in preparation for our November 14, 2017 vote (at FNC 2017).
- Pray for our newly appointed Fellowship Missionaries seeking financial support.

**Prayer for the Jones family**

- Thank you for praying for Marilyn. Not much change nor improvement to her ankle. She still awaits her date for ankle replacement surgery.
- Katelyn started her first official job at a Law Firm in September.
- Alec underwent major surgery for his shoulders (ski injury) in early May and still struggles with significant pain. Thanks for praying.
- Jessica is working on two farms in Vancouver Island and loving the “Island Life”. She visits our home in October... Yippee!!!

Thank you for continuing to pray for our adult children and their spiritual, emotional and physical well-being. Your prayer ministry in our lives is a huge encouragement. Thank you!

Warmly in Christ,

Steven Jones



*The Jones Family*